Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Ipswich, South Dakota, known by some as "The Zinnia City," came to be in the summer of 1883; and,

WHEREAS, Two significant events were largely responsible for the significant population boom that occurred in the fall of that year: On November first, lpswich was named the county seat of Edmunds County, and later that month, the first train brought new vitality (and plenty of visitors) to the thriving, young community; and,

WHEREAS, Water was essential to the success of this new town, and in December of 1883, an experienced and determined well digger named T. J. Hargrave was set on the trail of artesian wells. Said the perseverant Hargrave, "I will dig until I find water or China"; and,

WHEREAS, A sufficient water supply was not enough to save Ipswich from a disasterous fire that gutted Main Street in September of 1895. Though the town fought back and rebuilt, no one could have predicted the next destructive blaze that in 1898 destroyed the town's entire business district; and,

WHEREAS, Again, the people of Ipswich showed enough courage and strength to put their town and their lives back together again. This growing gregariousness was best reflected in a magnificent arch, once insured by Lloyd's of London, that was later built over one of America's first coast to coast highways; and,

WHEREAS, This exceptional community friendliness and pride in lpswich contributes greatly to the high quality of life in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Known also as "The Arch City" or "The Home of the Yellowstone Trail," lpswich is this summer celebrating its first one hundred years with memorable festivities and commemorations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 26, 1983, as

IPSWICH CENTENNIAL DAY

AND THE REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR